



To all who are weary and need rest
To all who mourn and need comfort
To all who are lonely and need friendship
To all who are complacent and need disturbing
To all who sin and need a savior
To all who are glad and would serve
This church opens wide its doors.

Seventh Sunday of Epiphany

February 16, 2025

OPENING WORDS

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Rev. Jana Dye
Associate Pastor

PRELUDE

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

Micah Young

CALL TO WORSHIP

There's a peace and justice movement going on.
Put your ear to the ground, feel the power moving around
There's a peace and justice movement going on.

There's an eco-justice movement going on.
There's a racial justice movement going on.
There's a Poor People's Campaign going on.
There's a moral revolution going on going on.
There's a moral revolution going on.

We will do much more than pray, we will work for it every day.
There's a moral revolution going on.

PRAYER

Ronnie Adams
Deacon

HYMN

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

Chalice 419

PASSING THE PEACE

Congregation

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rosie Fernando-Rizzo



Welcome Survey

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COVENANT OF CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel
Pastor

OFFERTORY

"I Will Sing with the Spirit"

Metro Women's Ensemble



Online Giving

<http://mbcnyc.org/get-involved/give>

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all good gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SCRIPTURE

John 10: 10

SERMON

"It Doesn't Have to Be This Way!:
Living into Jesus' Abundant Life for All"

Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis

HYMN

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Chalice 73

CLOSING WORDS

Rev. Jana Dye

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis

POSTLUDE

"Spirit Of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

Micah Young

You are invited to remain for post-service fellowship.

After the service, a camera and mic will be set up so remote and in-person attendees can visit with one another. Refreshments are available in the rear of the sanctuary.

Service Notes

Call to Worship is “There’s a Moral Revolution Going On” by Ruth Makenzie from [We Rise: A Movement Songbook](#), organized by the Poor People’s Campaign.

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”: Words by Sylvia Dunstan. Music by William Moore.

“I Will Sing with the Spirit”: Words and Music by John Rutter.

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”: Words by Frederick W. Faber. Music by Lizzie S. Tourjee.

Postlude: Arranged by Philip Keveren.

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TODAY'S PREACHER



The Reverend Dr. Liz Theoharis is a theologian, pastor, author, and anti-poverty activist. She is the Director of the [Kairos Center for Religions, Rights, and Social Justice](#) and Co-Chair of the [Poor People’s Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival](#). Rev. Dr. Theoharis has been organizing in poor and low-income communities for the past 30 years. She is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and teaches at Union Theological Seminary. Throughout her years of study, ministering, and activism, she has won numerous awards and authored several books and nationally publicized articles. To learn more about her visit: liztheoharis.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

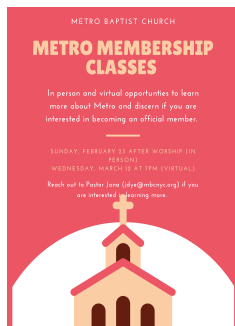


Memorial for Dr. Thais Barry

Date: Sunday, February 22 at 2:00 PM Eastern

Metro Baptist Church Sanctuary & Online

Longtime and beloved Metro member, Thais Barry, passed away on January 31 surrounded by her family in California. Her memorial service will be held in Metro’s sanctuary next Saturday, February 22, and all are invited to join in person or online. For more information, visit: <https://mbcnyc.org/thais-barry>

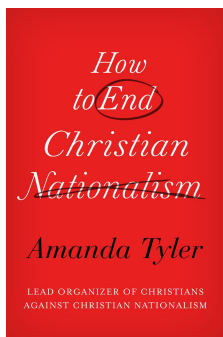


Metro New Membership Class

Sunday, February 23 after worship (in person)

Wednesday, March 12 at 7PM (virtual)

Metro Pastors, in coordination with our Deacons, have scheduled two opportunities (one in person and one virtual) for anyone in our community who is not an official member of Metro but interested in learning more about what membership means. Come hear from leaders and longtime members of Metro about our church’s history and values, and discern for yourself whether membership is the right choice for you at this time. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Jana (jdye@mbcnyc.org).



Metro Book Club

Book Club Date: Wednesday, February 26 at 7:00 PM via Zoom

In 2025, Metro will be starting a book club! You are invited to join as you have interest and availability to gather with others to discuss books that might enrich, inspire and encourage us. The first book we will read and discuss is ***How to End Christian Nationalism***, a new book written by Amanda R. Tyler, executive director of BJC (Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty) and the lead organizer of BJC's Christians Against Christian Nationalism campaign.

You can read more about this book and find links to purchase the book at <https://www.endchristiannationalism.com/>. If interested in joining this discussion, go ahead and get the book and begin reading. If you would like to join, but need assistance purchasing the book, reach out directly to Pastor Tiffany at thenkel@mbcnyc.org. More details to come.

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